

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY EAST BAY CHAPTER

2011

NATIVE PLANT FAIR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 10 AM-3 PM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, NOON-3 PM

Native Here Nursery

101 GOLF COURSE DRIVE, TILDEN PARK, BERKELEY

(ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE TILDEN GOLF COURSE ENTRANCE)

Special Plants Available at Plant Fair

While the nursery is open for sales year-round, there are some plants we hold and don't offer for sale until the Plant Fair. This year we will have Iris, some identified as to flower color/form, several species of local ferns, and some huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*) plants. Wild ginger (*Asarum caudatum*), California wild grape (*Vitis californica*), Dutchman's pipevine (*Aristolochia californica*) often hard to find, are numerous enough that some are for sale now, and there will be plenty for the Plant Fair. Plants often asked for that are also abundant this year include checkerbloom (*Sidalcea malviflora*), woodland strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*) and Yerba Buena (*Clinopodium douglasii* [*Satureja douglasii*]).

Learn the Current Names of Local Natives

The CD *East Bay Native Plants* will be available in updated form. This year it will be especially valuable as plants may be found by the names used in the 2011 edition of the *Jepson Manual* and the names we became familiar with in the 1993 edition. This year's CD will be easier to use and will contain even more of our local plants that last year's.

Pricing, Methods of Payment, and Discount Policy

Plant prices are indicated by colored tags, and large charts indicating the prices are posted throughout the nursery. Red tags indicate \$5, orange tags \$6, blue tags \$8, lavender tags \$10, yellow tags \$13, green tags \$30.

Visa, Master Card and Discover cards may be used to pay if the total exceeds \$20. Debit cards are also honored. However, there is only one machine to process cards, so if you'd like to check out quickly, bring your checkbook or cash to the Plant Fair. It will be easier to pay separately at the various vendor stalls as each vendor keeps track of sales at their booth.

Although Native Here offers volume discounts and professional discounts throughout the year, no percentage discounts will be available during the Fair. Professionals and those planning large projects are encouraged to come in during regular nursery hours during September, and again after the Plant Fair. (Do your shopping in September, then volunteer to help sell plants at the Fair).

Because we'd like to encourage the use of redberry in inland gardens, the first landscaper or home gardener to purchase ten or more of our *Rhamnus ilicifolia* from Livermore will get them for half price in September! This offer ends the morning before the Plant Fair.

Boxes for transporting your plants home from the Fair You may want to have boxes or protective tarps in your car to bring your plants home, but don't bring them in to the nursery on Fair Day unless you plan to hand carry your plants down the hill. We have special flats for transporting plants in the "mule", and our holding area will help amass your order while you shop, enjoy the speakers, peruse the displays, and participate in the contests.

Container Plant Contest at the Plant Fair

Many California natives grow beautifully in a pot. Bring your favorite(s) to show at the fair! The pots should not be too heavy. Contestants must transport them to the display area. Entries may be brought to the nursery on the first day of the fair or during regular hours the week before: Saturday, September 24; Tuesday, September 27, or Friday, September 30.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 2 pm Sunday, October 2.

Hat Show/Contest

Imagine a hat decorated with yarrow, farewell to spring, and jaunty grasses. I have these flowers and more drying for us to create some fun hats at the fair. Dry your own, use fresh material, anything goes as long as it is a California native. Bark, twigs, berries, fall foliage, and even lichens can be used.

On the day of the fair, you can bring or wear a hat decorated at home. OR bring an undecorated hat and we will have materials to use at the fair. I plan to visit some second hand shops to pick up some inexpensive hats to have on hand. You are welcome to bring hats and plant materials to share. Bring your creation to the display area to enter it in the contest. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 2 pm Sunday, October 2. For more information contact Delia Taylor 510 527-3912 deliataylor@mac.com.

Vendors

Talented vendors who create nature-related items will enrich the Plant Fair. Heidi Rand will display unique artwork and mixed media crafts. Catlin Blair Harvey will offer jewelry and sculptures inspired by the wild rivers and beaches of Northern California. Local artist/photographer Dianne Lake will bring photos of the Bay Area that capture its special beauty and light. Seedy Friends will offer seeds from an unmatched diversity of California native plants. Janice Bray will sell the 4th edition of the CD *East Bay Native Plants 2011-2012*. Cinda Mackinnon will bring calendars, cards, photographs, and coasters that display native wildflowers.

Free Talks in the Outdoor Classroom

Saturday, October 1, 1 pm: "Restoring a Native Garden Based on California Historical Ecology", Laura Cunningham, artist, natural science illustrator, naturalist, author of *A State of Change: Forgotten Landscapes of California*, www.a-state-of-change.com.

Sunday, October 2, 1 pm: "The Biggest Trees in the World: The Phenomenal and Forgotten Stories of the Vanished Oakland, California, Redwoods", Richard Schwartz, local historian, storyteller, author *Berkeley 1900: Daily Life at the Turn of the Century; Eccentrics, Heroes, and Cutthroats of Old Berkeley*; and *Earthquake Exodus, 1906: Berkeley Responds to the San Francisco Refugees*, www.richardschwartz.info.